

SCGM MISSIONAL BUSINESS FORUM 2013

SCGM's second Missional Business Forum was held on 24 Aug 2013 with the theme: "Entrepreneurs and the Urban Opportunities". The forum was jointly organised by SCGM in partnership with Center for Christian Entrepreneurs, Graduates' Christian Fellowship, Operation Mobilisation and Transformational Business Network. Over seventy participants attended this year's forum, held at Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church. The keynote speaker for this year's forum was Rev Hongkey Chung, a Korean



missionary and business entrepreneur who has been based in Bucharest, Romania for the past two decades.

In his message, Rev Chung shared his journey in Eastern Europe which began with evangelism and church-planting mission and the development of his vision into one which included the discipling of business and political leaders in a social milieu which needed greater understanding of the integration of Christian faith with socio-

economic values and vision. Hence the need for Christian engagement in urban opportunities and developing missional business through larger scale infrastructure building in cities including Bucharest and other cities in the former eastern bloc countries.

Invited speakers included Timothy Liu, President of GCF; Rev Erick Tan, a Methodist pastor and former missionary to Nepal; Lee Heng Wing, a training consultant with Cru Singapore who spent ten years in China; and Susan K, a former MSI leader leader who currently serves as corporate trainer in China. The topics presented and discussed addressed the key questions in mobilising business leaders and professionals for missions such as: "what makes a business missional?", "sustainability and scalability for social impact", "using marketplace skills in missions" and "global networking and engagement for urban missions". Ong Tun Cheng also shared updates on the BAM Global Think Tank group in Singapore, which was launched at SCGM's missional business forum last year.



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Rev Hongkey Chung, a Korean missionary who has been based in Bucharest, Romania for the past 20 years, delivered the keynote address at the SCGM Missional Business Forum 2013. He shared about "Urban Opportunities for Missional Engagement throgh Business: A Romanian Experience" and invited business professionals to invest in projects in Romania.

SNAPSHOTS OF MBF 2013



Speakers Lee Hing Weng (above) and Ong Tun Cheng (right)



MBF participants at tea break exchanging ideas and name cards...





Speakers Erick Tan (above) and Timothy Liu (right)

MISSIONAL BUSINESS FORUM 2013: ENTREPRENEURS & URBAN OPPORTUNITIES

Daniel Jesudason, Chairman of SCGM Executive Council, led in the opening prayer. Yap Poh Kheng, Director of CCE welcomed the participants at the MBF with his opening address and affirmed the need for Christian business leaders to engage in Christian missions. SCGM National Director Lawrence Ko introduced the Forum by sharing how SCGM has organised a consultation on social enterprise development in May 2012 and also provided a good theological framework presented by Rev Dr Paul Woods in Aug last year to encourage the need for missional business as a new strategy for missions in 21st C.This year's forum would focus on the issues of strategies, opportunities and implementation with five invited speakers who are practitioners and actively engaged in missional business development.

Timothy Liu highlighted three key elements of missional business viz., that it has to be profitable (meet economic needs), socially responsible (meet social needs) and glorifying God in missions (spiritual impact). Other emphases would include focusing on cross cultural aspect, reaching the least evangelised or least developed part of the world. But current forms of practice could emphasise the local, urban and technologically intensive aspects in missions. He challenges us to consider turning larger corporations and MNCs to be better aligned with kingdom values and creating opportunities for improved quality of life, greater social equity and justice where the gospel can be demonstrated.

Erick Tan noted the concerns of some churches which saw ministry goals and commercial goals as incompatible, stemming from the fear of commercial failure, ethical ambiguity and distractions from core ministry goals of soul-winning. He pointed out that the sacred-secular divide was due to the conservative theology. It is thus encouraging to see a gradual shift towards an openness to missional business being part of integral missions which will glorify God and proclaim the full meaning of Christ's gospel.

Lee Hing Weng shared of his experience in mobilising professionals with marketplace skills and helping them use these skills to build sustainable commercial programmes in China. Susan K enthralled the audience with wide ranging issues and strategies in global engagement and encouraged missions to plug into the global networks of resources. Ong Tun Cheng, facilitator of the BAM Global Think Tank group in Singapore proposed a closer partnership between BAM GTT and SCGM as both shared the common vision of mobilising and equiping Christian business leaders and professionals for missional business.

Bible, Missions & Social Enterprise Workshop 2013

A full-day workshop on Missions and Social Enterprise development was organised on 26 Aug 2013 at the Bible House. This event was organised by SCGM and sponsored by the Bible Society of Singapore. Thirty participants, including missionaries, missions leaders, management consultants, project managers and retired CEOs attended the training workshop. The topics covered case studies and experiences of social enterprise development of a brick kiln in Pakistan and some businesses in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

SCGM ND Lawrence Ko challenged the participants to turn business experience and expertise into missional resources as the new missionaries of the 21st C would need to be social entrepreneurs as we operate in a changing milieu. Lawrence also facilitated the workshop covering definitions of Social Enterprises, organisational structures and funding resources available for Singapore-based SEs.

Hongkey Chung, a Korean missioanry turned missional business leader, shared extensively about projects and technology for partnership as well as European funding which can be accessed for projects in Asia.

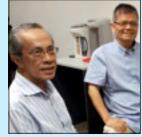
After lunch, the workshop met in four small groups to brainstorm and discuss issues ranging from Finance and Structures, to Scalability and Marketing. The groups presented their ideas with Ruben Ang presenting on financing the SEs, Freddie sharing on the structures, Ho Sun Yee stressing the importance on strategy for scaling the SEs and Kelvin Wong pointing out the need for good communications for sustainable business.

The day ended with much enthusiasm despite a heavy downpour as participants continued their networking and exchange of ideas. A couple of undergrad participants remarked that they have not seen grown adults so excited before in their lives. That's what happens when entrepreneurs catch the vision of mission and burn with fire in their belly!



Exciting & Engaging Social Enterprise Workshop











Bishop Terry Kee, Chairman of GoForth 2014 Committee, chairing the GoForth Pastors Fellowship with Rev Dr Chong Chin Chung as guest speaker, inspiring the churches for missions.





Lawrence Ko, Vice-Chairman of GoForth 2014, sharing logo and vision of GoForth movement with Rev Lu Guan Hoe, Chairman of GoForth Chinese Track translating.





GOFORTH NATIONAL MISSIONS 2014 PASTORS' LUNCH

Over 120 pastors and leaders of missions agencies gathered for the GoForth National Missions Conference 2014 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch on 28 Aug 2013 at the North Transept Hall of St Andrew's Cathedral. Bishop Terry Kee, Chairman of GoForth 2014 Executive Committee, chaired the session which included an exhortation by Rev Dr Chong Chin Chung, President of Methodist Chinese Annual Conference. Lawrence Ko, Vice-Chair of GoForth 2014 EXCO and Rev Lu Guan Hoe, Chairman of GoForth Chinese Track, presented the vision of GoForth 2014 and urged prayer signified by the logo which points upwards. Group discussions and presentations were made by the pastors from both English-speaking and Chinese-speaking churches expressing their desire for a more holistic missions movement in Singapore. The pastors brought home Goforth posters and stickers for distribution in the churches.



Rev Matthew Wai, Programme Chairman of GoForth 2014 sharing mission trends in Singapore



SCGM Council Rev Dianna Khoo with CAC President Rev Dr Chong Chin Chung

SCGM COUNCIL 2013-14

Chairman: Mr Daniel Jesudason
Vice-Chairman: Pastor Neo Ban Hui
Hon Secretary: Mr Gregory Vijayendran

Hon Treasurer: Mr Eugene Lim

Council Members:

Rev Dianna Khoo

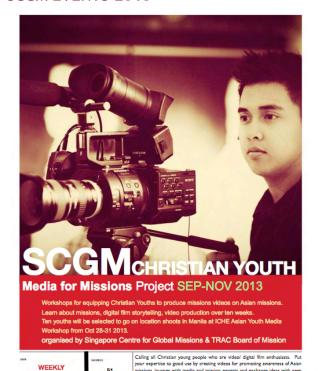
Mr Bernard Chan

Pastor Jeffrey Wong

Rev Yee Ching Wah

Mr Lawrence Ko (ex-officio)

SCGM EVENTS 2013



SCGM is pleased to launch a Youth Media Project to encourage youths and young adults to be trained in digital film production in the months of Oct-Nov 2013, to produce Asian mission videos which can be used for GoForth 2014. This project is supported by the Methodist TRAC Board of Mission.

In and Around SCGM... Jul-Sep 2013



SCGM Executive Council meeting cum food tasting dinner in Jul 13



SCGM SEANET Seminar Aug 13



TTC Cert in Missions Studies Jul 13



Bishop Raphael Samuel from Bolivia



China Pastor Qijing from Beijing CMS



Two Pastors from Canada & Maldives



Two visitors from Seoul, Korea

SCGM Volunteers



Mdm Tan Meow Gek, SCGM's Volunteer Administrator with Yeo Xin Min, SCGM Intern (Jul-Aug 2013) at the Missional Business Forum. Xin Min is an undergrad at SUTD.



Volunteers at Missional business Forum registration desk: Helen Liu, Tan Meow Gek (Adminstrator), Soh Su Cheng and Christine Tan (former staff).



Yeo Xin Min (seated) with Lim Su Huai and Lim Su Wei who are brothers. Liew Phin Fun (right), a friend of Meow Gek, volunteers occasionally with SCGM at events.

SCGM New Staff Sep 2013

Raveen Mannar

Job Title: Programme Manager

Raveen joined SCGM in September 2013 as Programme Manager, where he will be responsible for coordinating missions programmes ranging from training workshops, seminars to Goforth conferences. Trained in Biology as well as business management in the States, Raveen served in editorial and publishing work



before joining SCGM as he desires to serve in Christian missions. An active member of Bedok Methodist Church where he has been serving in worship ministry as a drummer, Raveen was also a member of the



BMC Green Desert Project team where he worked with Lawrence in the creation care project from Mar-Jul 2013. We are grateful to God for sending Raveen to serve with us and also to Trinity Christian Centre for the partnership in providing for Raveen's monthly staff support.

Sherin Cheong

Job Title: Administrative Executive

Sherin Cheong joined SCGM in September 2013 after having served in Ministry of Education, community services and a law firm. Trained in human resources development and an active member of All Saints Church (Anglican), Sherin's desire is to serve God in Christian missions through



SCGM, and we praise God for bringing Sherin to us as she uses her administrative experience to help us manage our backroom operations.

We also appreciate the services of our two sisters who served with us till end of July and end of September respectively: Christine Tan Wai Ling (Admin Exec); and Elizabeth Tan Li Yee (Asst Mgr, Programmes). We pray for God's blessings in their lives trusting that they have been enriched in their faith journeys during their service with us.

Pray for the staff team, volunteers and the Executive Council as we serve God in and through SCGM to promote missions in Singapore.

Snapshots



ND at GCF Annual Dinner with Judge Pillai Timothy Liu, and GCF Council leaders



Japanese pastor and missionaries at SCGM Breakfast Sep13



SCGM Pulpit Ministry at Bartley Christian Church with Andrew & Belinda Ng and Matthew Teo in Jul 2013



Dale Rhoton, cofounder of OM attended SCGM Breakfast Jul 2013



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How you can partner SCGM in 21st C Missions:

Pray for SCGM and Intercede for the Missionaries from Singapore
Engage us as your Missions Mobilisation Partner
Invite us to Consult with your Missions Board in Strategy
Join us in Networking Breakfasts and Send Thought Leaders our way
Be Equipped through our Training to be Missionary Carers,
Events Organisers and Missions Mobilisers
Avail as Trainers and Consultants for missional business

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Volunteer with SCGM using your Skills and Expertise
Join us as a Member of SCGM and Catalyse Missions in Singapore!

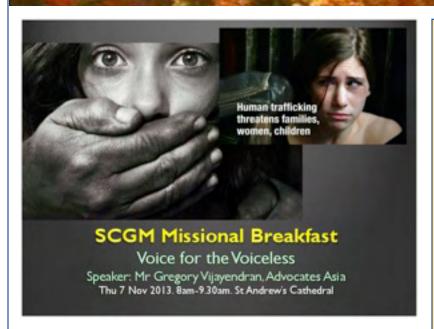
Interested to explore partnership, internship or volunteering opportunities?
email admin@scgm.org.sg or call us to arrange for volunteer briefing.

Our Mission:

Catalysing the National Missions Movement

Our Vision:

Serving the Local Church in Missions Mobilisation in the 21st Century



God is God who cares for the poor, helpless & voiceless. Come learn how to speak up for and serve the voiceless.

Speaker: Gregory Vijayendran, SCGM's Hon Secretary, is a Partner in Rajah & Tann LLP who specialises in commercial litigation. He worships at Trinity Christian Centre. Gregory has more than 15 years of direct involvement in various Voluntary Welfare Organisations, including being a founding member and Vice President of the Children's Cancer Foundation (then known as Working in Aid of Leukemic Kids) from 1992-1995, organising Camp Rainbow and presently serving as President of Club Rainbow (Singapore) as well as Executive Advisor to We-Share Care Society for Children and Youth. Gregory is also a Board Member of The Centre for Enabled Living Ltd (CEL) which is a first stop centre for users of eldercare and disability services and their caregivers.

Pray for SCGM Oct-Dec 2013

Oct-Nov **ND** preaches at missions month in local churches: Bethesda Bt Arang Church,
Church of Singapore (Bt Timah), Covenant
Community Methodist Church, Tai Seng
Christian Church

Oct-Nov **Speaking Invitations: ND** at Fellowship of Evangelical Students (FES) Staff Devotion,
Boscombe Life Church, Kg Kapor Methodist
Church Chinese Culture Talk, **Chairman Daniel Jesudason** at Methodist Church of Incarnation

Dec ND preaches at Christmastide services at Methodist Church of Incarnation & Kg Kapor Methodist Church

Oct-Nov SCGM Youth Media Project

Oct 19 SCGM Council Prayer Retreat

Oct 28-31 ASIAN CHRISTIAN YOUTH MEDIA WORKSHOP (MANILA)

Nov 7 SCGM Networking Breakfast

Nov 22 Singapore Missions Research Focus Group

Nov 28 Strategic Thinking Workshop for Missional Business / Social Enterprise

Dec 4 GoForth Youth Pastors and Leaders Fellowship Lunch

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS WANTED FOR OVERSEAS TEACHING

The Diocese of Singapore (Anglican) offers opportunities for qualified teachers who are willing to serve for at least one year and more in the following countries:

- (1) Kindergartens in Thailand and Indonesia:
- (2) Primary School in Indonesia;
- (3) English Language Centres in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand & Vietnam.

volunteerteachers@anglican.org.sg indicating your availability, interest and qualifications and we will get back to you.

Join us at

SCGM Breakfast Fellowship

every first Thursday morning 8am-9.30am: 3 Oct, 7 Nov.

Please note that there will be no Breakfast Fellowship in the month of Dec. We meet again on 2 Jan 2014! "I am continually impressed with how the Singapore Center for Global Missions serve the Church, not only in Singapore, but in other parts of the world. A humble servant-leader attitude has brought an outsized influence around the world, and the transformation of individuals and communities."

Rev. Samuel E. Chiang Executive Director International Orality Network

SCGM Breakfast Speakers



Dr Ashok Kumar on India ..Jul 2013



Lauren Libby on Media ... Aug 2013



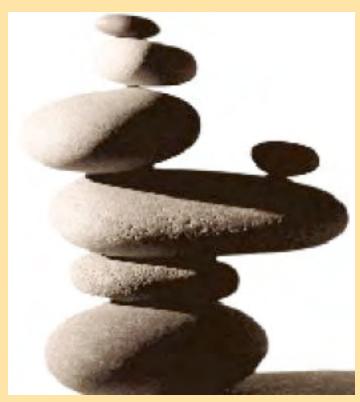
Lawrence Ko on Spirituality... Sep 2013



Dr Kelvin Chen on Africa... Oct 2013

STRATEGIC THINKING

WORKSHOP FOR MISSIONAL BUSINESS & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE



For which of you, desiring to put up a tower, does not first give much thought... Luke 14:28

Date: THU 28 NOV 2013.
Time: 9AM-4PM
Venue: BIBLE HOUSE

Speakers: Mr Ho Sun Yee, Lawrence Ko

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20/pax.

To register online, visit www.scgm.org.sg organised by SCGM & Bible Society of Singapore Dare to Think. Think BIG. Scale for Success.